

**CLAYTON WEST**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the Year 1937.**

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**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

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TO THE CLAYTON WEST URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1937

### VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births: Legitimate: 12 Males, 13 Females  
                  Illegitimate: Nil

Still Births: Legitimate: 1 Male, 1 Female  
                                Birth Rate 15.3

Deaths: 16 Males, 8 Females.      Death Rate 7.9

No. of Women dying in or in consequence of child-birth:

1 From Sepsis—0

2 Other causes—0

No. of deaths occurring in children under 1 year—1 Female

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1937.

Diphtheria—1                      Acute Pneumonia—3

Puerperal Pyrexia—2          Erysipelas—1

WATER SUPPLY    No alteration

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE    No alteration

Copies of this report have been sent to the Home Office, the Ministry of Health and the West Riding County Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

E. L. MOMMEN.

# Report of the Sanitary Inspector, 1937.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Property under notice and work in progress ...	...	32
Investigating complaints ...	...	8
Disinfecting and enquiries after infectious diseases ...	...	2
Workshops ...	...	2
Slaughter-houses and Meat Shops ...	...	67
Cowsheds ...	...	59
Houses measured under overcrowding survey ...	...	101
Council houses inspections ...	...	61
Interviews with Owners ...	...	8
Miscellaneous premises ...	...	76
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## Defects and Nuisances Found (Affecting 43 premises)

Drains choked ...	...	2
Scwer choked ...	...	1
Privy closets requiring conversion to W.C. system		23
Ashpit defective ...	...	1
Floor defective ...	...	1
Roofing defective ...	...	3
Plaster of ceilings defective ...	...	2
Eaves spout defective ...	...	1
Dampness of house wall ...	...	1
Nuisances from defective chimney pots ...	...	2
Dirty condition of house ...	...	1
Cowshed floor defective ...	...	1
Cowshed floors in dirty condition ...	...	1
Cowshed requiring more window space ...	...	1
Lack of dairy accommodation ...	...	1
		<hr/> 42 <hr/>

Of these defects, 29 were remedied and also 16 defects outstanding from previous years.

### Closest Accommodation.

Particulars of the accommodation are contained in the following summary :

At	W.C.s	Privies	Middens connected with these Privies
549 Dwelling-houses ... ..	238	265	146
9 Factories and Workshops	47	15	12
2 Day Schools ... ..	16	0	0
11 Chapels, Shops, Clubs, Etc.	12	6	4
	313	286	162

**Public Cleansing.** This work is under the control of the Surveyor, and is carried out by the Council's workmen with hired vehicles. The refuse tip is situate at a distance from habitations. There are few cess-pools in the district and these are situate in outlying localities.

**Smoke Abatement.** There are few factory chimneys in the area and no action has been necessary.

**Rag Flock Acts 1911 and 1928.** There are no premises in the district where rag flock is manufactured, used, or sold.

**Meat Inspection.** This is carried out whenever possible at the time of slaughter. The purveying of meat is carried out in a satisfactory manner and the Meat Regulations generally are observed. Voluntary surrender has been made in all cases where diseased conditions were found.

**Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933** No applications for slaughtermen's licences have been made during the year. Licences are in force with respect to 11 slaughtermen. No contraventions of the Act have been found. Sheep are included as animals to which Section 1 of the Act applies with respect to the use of a mechanically operated stunning instrument.

**Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act 1928.** Administration is carried out by the County Council's Officers and the following particulars have been supplied respecting the samples taken for analysis :

Milk 12; General Foods 1. No prosecutions or cautions were necessary

**Milk Supply.** The bulk of the supply is produced within the district. The premises are all furnished with a good supply of water. There are only 2 producers of "accredited" milk in the district—one licence being granted this year.

Veterinary examination of the dairy cows has been carried out on three occasions by the County Council's Veterinary Officer. The following particulars have been supplied by the Chief Veterinary Officer of cows taken for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order.

Cows with chronic cough and showing definite clinical symptoms :

Notified by owner 1, Found by staff 1, Total 2.

**Housing Act, 1936 (Overcrowding Provisions).** Overcrowding has been abated by removal in 3 cases ; by decrease in the size of families in 3 cases ; and by increasing the accommodation by division of rooms in 4 cases ; Total 10.

The "appointed day" for the commencement of the Act was fixed for January 1st, 1937, in this area.

The measuring up of houses to ascertain the "permitted number" of persons is proceeding as other duties permit. The Act requires the landlords of all working class houses to insert in the rent books a "summary" containing the "permitted number" of persons and the local authority are required to supply a statement giving this information upon application by such landlords.

Further details relating to the Sanitary Administration of the district are contained in Tables "C" and "D."

Your obedient servant,

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year 1937, for the  
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In the COUNTY of YORK (WEST RIDING).  
on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act,  
1901, in connection with

**Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

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Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors  
or Inspectors of Nuisances

	Inspections.
Factories, including Factory Laundries ... ..	0
Workshops, including Workshop Laundries ... ..	2
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ... ..	0
Total ... ..	2

Written Notices—Nil.

Occupiers prosecuted—Nil.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops & Workplaces  
—Nil.

Outwork in unwholesome premises Section 108,  
—Nil.

Signed, EDWIN L. MOMMEN,

Medical Officer of Health

11th March, 1938.

### TABLE C, 1937.

# Clayton West Urban Sanitary District

### NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only—418

For Housing Inspections see Table D

Nuisances found in 1937--41

Total needing abatement—88

Nuisances in hand, end of 1936—47

Abated during 1937-45

Outstanding end of 1937—43

Notices served, Informal-4

Complied with—1

Notices served, Statutory—0

Complied with—0

Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—0

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

	No. in District	No. on Register	Total No. of Inspections made	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	0	0	0	
Houses let in Lodgings	0	0	0	
Canal Boats	0	0	0	
Knackers' Yards	0	0	0	
Tents, Vans and Sheds	1	0	0	good
Offensive Trades	0	0	0	

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?

—No

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937—Nil

Details of any portion of district still requiring—

(a) Sewering—Clayton Common, Hill Top, Cuttlehurst Hill

(b) Improvement of defective sewers—Short section lying in private grounds between High St. and Bilham Rd.

No. of houses not connected to sewers—54

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS—

Particulars of any extensions made during 1937—None

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works—No

Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board—No

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens—3

No. of Pail or Tub Closets—1

No. of Privies with covered middens—283

No. of Water Closets—313      Waste-water Closets—0

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1937—(a) as W.C.'s 24 ;

(b) other, 0

No. of Closets, other than Privies, reconstructed during 1937 as W.C.s  
— 0

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1937—(a) W.C.'s  
6; (b) other 0

No. of Closets constructed in 1937 for new houses—(a) W.C.'s 7 ;

(b) other 0

Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies, waste water closets and pails to W.C. system— A grant is is made towards the cost



## SCAVENGING—

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district?—Yes  
How is refuse disposed of?—1, Destruction 0; 2, By tipping, 100%  
3, Farmers, 0  
If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system?—No  
Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—£136/11/6

## WATER SUPPLY—

Source of supply—1. Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks  
2. Denby & Cumberworth U.D.C. Waterworks  
By whom distributed—The District Council  
No. of houses on public supply—548  
Any extension of supply during the year?—No  
Has supply been satisfactory?  
(a) In quality—Yes  
(b) In quantity—Yes  
Any examinations made during the year—(a) Chemical—No  
(b) Bacteriological—No  
Have any supplies been restricted or closed?—No

## MILK SUPPLY—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act?—(a) For Retailers—Yes  
(b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes  
Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No

## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936—

1. No. of Licences in force in the area for :  
(a) Production of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk—0  
(b) Production of "Accredited Milk"—2  
(c) In respect of Pasteurising Plant—0  
Samples of designated milks examined bacteriologically—0  
No. of Milk samples taken by Officers of local authority for analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—0  
No. of samples of ordinary Milk taken by Officers of local authority for :  
(a) Methylene blue test—0 (b) presence of tuberculosis—0  
Any special examination of Milk for Dirt, e.g. sedimentation test?—No  
Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1937?—No  
No. of Cowkeepers in District—11 No. Registered—11  
Total No. of Cowsheds—17 Total No. of Milk Cows—88  
Total No. of Cowsheds inspected during the year—17  
Total No. of Cowshed Inspections—59  
No. of Wholesale Traders Registered—2  
No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered—12  
Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk—Generally the structural conditions are good but there is some lack of dairy accommodation. The methods of production are fairly good.

## MEAT INSPECTION—

Any Public Abattoir?—No  
Total No. of private slaughterhouses—2, made up of 0 registered and 2 licensed  
No. unsatisfactory, either as regards structure, position or in other respects—0

#### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED—

Number inspected—Cattle (excluding cows) 200, Cows 10, Calves 7,  
Sheep and Lambs 276, Pigs 326

All diseases except Tuberculosis—

Whole carcasses condemned—0

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned—Cattle 9,  
Cows 1, Pigs 6

Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than  
tuberculosis—Cattle 4.5 per cent. Calves 10 per cent.

Pigs 1.84 per cent

Tuberculosis only—

Whole carcasses condemned—Cattle 2

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned Cattle 4;  
Pigs 17

Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis—

Cattle 3.0 per cent. Pigs 5.2 per cent

#### PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924—

Meat Marking: Is scheme in force under above?—No

#### OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officers of L.A. for exam-  
ination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—0

No. of Bakehouses in district—0 Total inspections—

Are any bakehouses underground—

#### SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District—2

No. visited by M.O.H.—2

Action taken—None

Schools closed by M.O.H.—0

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during  
1937—0

#### SHOPS ACT 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)—

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1937—0

#### TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, ETC.—

No. in District—1 Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase?  
—No

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4), Public Health  
Act, 1936?—No

Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936?—No

Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this type of dwelling?  
—No.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS—

No. of Council houses found to be infested—0 Other houses  
found to be infested—0

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs?  
A proprietary fumigant or spray would be used.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants  
are free from vermin before removal to Council houses?—

Fumigation with H. C. N.

Is the work of disinfestation carried out by the local authority or by a  
contractor?—No removals have taken place during the year. A  
Contractor would be employed to carry out the H. C. N. process

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS—

Are there in the district:—

(a) Any public swimming baths or pool—No

(b) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public  
—No

## ADOPTIVE ACTS in force in District—

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—Part 3

"except sections 21, 24, 27, 31, 51, 61, 66, 67, 68) 1907—Parts 2, 3, 4, 5,  
Part 10, section 95 only

Public Health Act, 1925—Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, except sections 21, 44, 45

Subject as from the 1st October, 1937 to the repeal and amendment of  
such enactments by the Public Health Act, 1936

## BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District

Cleansing of Footpaths and Pavements	...	1905
Common Lodging Houses	... ..	Do
Prevention of Nuisances	... ..	Do
New Streets and Buildings and		
Alteration of Buildings	... ..	1928
Slaughterhouses	... ..	Do
Houses let in Lodgings ..	... ..	Do
Tents, Vans, Sheds	... ..	Do
Means of escape in case of fire at Factories ...		Do

## INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions?—No

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937?—None

## INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1937—None

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list?—No

Any influences threatening the health of the District?—None

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? (for areas  
autonomous under the M & C.W. Act, 1918) At Home—No

In Hospital—Yes, arrangement with W R.C.C.

## ISOLATION HOSPITALS—

General Infectious Diseases—Penistone Joint Isolation Hospital  
Ingbirchworth

Any change or extension in 1937—No

Any disease in addition to scarlet fever, enteric fever or diphtheria  
(e.g. pneumonia) treated in infectious diseases hospital—No

Name of authority controlling—Penistone Joint Isolation Hospitals  
Committee

Smallpox—Penistone Joint Smallpox Hospital, Rough Birchworth

Any change or extension in 1937—No

Name of authority controlling—Penistone Joint Isolation Hospitals  
Committee

## GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS—

(a) General and Accident—Huddersfield Royal Infirmary  
Children's—Do

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage—Nil

(c) Maternity (Homes)—Nil

#### AMBULANCE SERVICES—

For General Sick and Accident cases—None

For General Infectious Disease cases—

Location of Ambulance: Hospital

Ownership: Hospital Committee

Type of Ambulance; Motor

Arrangements for Nurse to accompany patient: Hospital Nurse

Charges (if any) to patients in district: Nil

For Smallpox—As for General Infectious Disease cases

#### MORTUARIES. What accommodation—

(a) for accidents—Arrangements made to use the mortuary owned by Skelmanthorpe U.D.C.

(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital—Do

(c) for other cases—Do

(d) for post mortem examinations—Do.

Any suggestions made by M.O.H.—None

#### BACTERIOLOGY—

County Laboratory. Any Suggestions—None

#### BURNING SPOIL BANKS. Any nuisance therefrom?—No

#### SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.—£35

Name of Sanitary Inspector—Frederick Greenwood

Annual Salary as Inspector—£45/10/0

Other appointments held—Sanitary Inspector for four neighbouring districts

Salary of such other appointments—£279/10/0

Any Assistants?—No Is Staff sufficient?—No

Does M.O.H receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health?—Yes

## TABLE D.

### HOUSING STATISTICS.

**1 *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :***

- a* Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—3
- b* Number of inspections made for the purpose—3
- 2** *a* Number of dwelling-houses, included under sub-head 1 above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—3
- b* Number of Inspections made for the purpose—3
- 3** Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—3
  - a* Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—0
  - b* Number (excluding those in sub-head 3 *a* above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—3

**2 *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :***

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers—6

**3 *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :***

**A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10, 16, Housing Act, 1936 :**

- 1** Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—0
- 2** Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ;
  - a* By owners—0
  - b* By Local Authority in default of owners—0

**B Proceedings under Public Health Acts :**

- 1** Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—0
- 2** Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :
  - a* By owners—0
  - b* By Local Authority in default of owners—0

**C Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936**

- 1** Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation—0
- 2** Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—0
- 3** Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—0

**D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936**

- 1** Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—0
- 2** Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—0



4. *Unhealthy Areas.*

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937?  
—No

5. *Number of new houses erected during 1937.*

*a* By the Local Authority—0  
*b* By private enterprise—7  
Total—7

6. *Housing Conditions.*

- 1 Total number of houses in the District—549
- 2 Number of working class houses included in the above—503
- 3 General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses :—Generally conditions are good. There is some need for a few houses to accommodate overcrowded families.
- 4 Any special activity in house building?—No
- 5 Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars—10 houses are to be built on the Royd site to accommodate overcrowded families.
- 6 Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936?—No

7. *Town Planning.*

- 1 Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee?—No
- 2 Is a Town Planning Scheme in force?—No
- 3 Have Council during 1937 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme?—No

8. Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspection under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—

Frederick Greenwood, Sanitary Inspector,  
Council Room, Shepley, nr. Huddersfield

9. Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed?—No

10. *Housing Act, 1936, Part iv, Overcrowding.*

- (a) 1 Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—17
- 2 Number of families dwelling therein—17
- 3 Number of persons dwelling therein—105
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—0
- (c) 1 Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—10
- 2 Number of persons concerned in such cases—58
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—None
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—None

Signed, EDWIN L. MOMMEN,

11th March, 1938.

Medical Officer of Health



